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Miguel R. Abboud earned his medical degree at the American University of Beirut in Lebanon in 1982. In 1984, he completed his residency in the Department of Pediatrics, also at the American University of Beirut. He was a Fellow in the Department of Pediatrics at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and The New York Hospital , Cornell University Medical Center, New York, NY, USA, from 1984 to 1987. Starting as an Assistant Professor in 1989, he was appointed Professor of Pediatrics at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston in 2001.

At MUSC, Dr. Abboud's research focused on sickle cell disease. He authored a number of studies on this disease and was an original member of the steering committees for the STOP I and STOP II trials. He also worked extensively on the pathophysiology of the disease and the development of new modalities of therapy such as hematopoietic stem cell transplant.

In August 2002, he became the first Medical Director of the Children's Cancer Center of Lebanon (CCCL) at the American University of Beirut Medical Center in Lebanon as well as and Professor of Pediatrics at AUB. During his tenure, he established highly visible and successful bone marrow transplant, limb salvage surgery, and sickle cell disease programs as well as an acute lymphoblastic leukemia research protocol in collaboration with the Leukemia/Lymphoma Division at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, TN, USA. The sickle cell program at AUBMC has grown and now provides comprehensive service to over 300 children and adolescents with this disease. The program research focuses now on pulmonary hypertension and the vasculopathy in sickle cell disease. In February 2011, he was appointed as Chairman of the Department of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine at AUBMC.

Dr Abboud has published 150 publications in journals such as the *American Journal of Hematology*, *Bone Marrow Transplant*, *New England Journal of Medicine*, *Pediatrics*, *Blood*, and *Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)*. Dr Abboud is also a member of the editorial board of *Blood Cells Molecules and Disease* and well as being in the Board of Reviewers of *Transplantation*. He is also the regional associate editor for *Cancer* and Regional Editor for *Archives of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine*, in addition to being a reviewer for *Pediatric Blood Cancer*, *American Journal of Hematology*, *Journal of Pediatric Hematology Oncology*, *Pediatric Hematology Oncology*, *Cancer*, *Blood*, *Circulation*, *The Lancet* and *the New England Journal of Medicine*. During his professional career, Dr Abboud has been accorded numerous awards and honors. These include Physician of the Year by the National Committee for Lebanese Children in 2007, the Teacher of the Year award for the Department of Pediatrics 2005–2006, a “Miracle Maker” award from A.H. Robbins in 1995, the Mitchell Rubin Research Award in Pediatrics in 1993, the Toys“R”Us Fellowship Award for 1988–1989, and the Penrose Award from the American University of Beirut in 1982.